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### ABSTRACT

A retainer for an adjustment device for an over-center fastener for securing and clamping two parts together by applying a pulling force between said two parts by a lever. The adjustment device includes an externally threaded member and an internally threaded member rotatable relative to one another. Further, the internally threaded member is a lock nut having a friction increasing insert and is unrotationally held by a structure movable with the lever. The structure is a bent sheet metal structure having a generally inverted U-shaped portion including opposed flange portions and a web portion, in which the flange portions are linked to a respective flange portion of the lever and the web portion carries an integral extension. In addition, a first portion of the extension is bent at substantially 90° so as to extend along and abut a respective forwardly directed edge of the flange portions, a second portion of the extension is bent at 90° in relation to the first portion, and a third portion of the extension is further bent at 90° in relation to the second portion. Also, flap portions originally extending in opposite directions from the third portion are bent towards the first portion so as to be mutually parallel, thus forming a nut retaining pocket.